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## January Unemployment Reported As Setting All Time High Mark

**More Than 12,000,000 Idle, According to A. F. of L. Estimates**  
President Green Announces, in Calling for Speedy Action to  
Bring 30-Hour Week and Adequate Federal Relief to Fore-  
stall Even Greater Catastrophe in Present Crisis.

Washington.—Unemployment in January was at its all time peak, with more than 12,000,000 wage earners out of work, the American Federation of Labor estimates. President William Green announced.

Our estimates for December, 1932, show that 236,000 were unemployed, said Green said, "and trade union reports showed an increase in unemployment from December, 1931, to December, 1932, when applied to the country at large indicates at least 296,000 more laid off in December alone than in the same year. Trade union unemployment increased by 24.9 per cent of the membership in December to 25.5 in January."

**Short Week Held Vital**

The new peak of unemployment, President Roosevelt said today, is the result of shortening work hours more than of shortening work weeks.

"Hundreds of thousands of jobs," he continued, "have been completely eliminated during the last few months. The only way we can ever put our working population back to work is by creating new jobs and turning our man power to creating new jobs."

If the work week were universally shortened, he said, we could put to work 6,000,000 of the unemployed.

...the exhausted funds of local governments."

**Figures on Idleness**

Giving details of the A. F. of L. estimate of the unemployment figures, President Roosevelt said that the figures were based on the fact that the country had been laid off with the winter season; in fact, he said, the unemployment figures were 2,000,000 in December, 2,000,000 in January, and 2,000,000 in February. The total idleness of the country, he said, from November to December was over 2,000,000, he said.

### Calling for State Relief Funds, Pinchot Warns of Danger of Riots

Harrisburg, Pa.—Appearing personally before the State Legislature, Gov. Pinchot warned of the grave consequences of delaying unemployment relief and called upon the Legislature to promptly appropriate \$20,000,000 for aid this year.

Pinchot declared that Pennsylvania

The Legislature was told that \$20,000,000 is merely a drop in the bucket and that on the basis of present relief efforts the State is only "far from" needed before that \$20,000,000 will be gone, and at least \$50,000,000 more for shoes, clothes and other bare necessities."

"There is no prospect of securing any such sum as \$125,000,000," he added. "It is clear, therefore, that we cannot continue giving relief on the relatively costly food order basis and that we

The Governor proposed a program to be financed by the State's apportionment of \$20,000,000, which he said could be raised without additional taxation. The program would be financed by a bond issue. The Governor said the program was given additional power in the collection of revenue.

Washington.—Some Congressmen apparently place more value on black bass and riding horses than they do on children.

The House committee on the appropriation bill for the State, Commerce and Labor Department voted to decrease the appropriation for the Children's Bureau by \$35,450. At the same time, the committee

increased by \$13.9 an appropriation of \$118,287 for the encouragement of breeding of riding horses for the Army. The Senate committee considering the bill boosted the appropriation for riding horses by more than \$80,000, to \$202,500.

"Most of them," the statement continues, "have been idle for the better part of the past three years. Many of them are now destitute, having been forced to sell their possessions or put their furniture in pawn and to make up with relatives and friends because they could no longer pay rent and maintain their families.

## DEPRESSION HARDSHIPS MAY BENEFIT WORKERS

By JOSEPH BLANEY  
Editor, Stone Cutters Journal

This panic, with its sorrows, its hardships and misery, has done some good. It has made men think.

It has made the professional man think, and the man who used to criticize the workmen's "big wages" and "idleness."

That amount would be paid directly in wages to the building trades in this city. This money would employ for a full year of forty weeks not less than 20,000 men. In practice it would give employment to twice that number of men for half that time.

"Labor feels that the time has now arrived for something to be done. With

culed the street sweeper wearing a silk shirt. It has made him think how much better off he was himself, when the street cleaner could buy a shirt instead of standing in a breadline waiting for a handout.

It has made the anti-union, price-

**UNION ADVANTAGES  
FOR CIGAR MAKERS**

By R. E. VAN HORN  
Acting President, Cigar Makers' International Union of America

With his kind helped tear down the work of years, demoralizing conditions for the workers and disrupting the stability of the stone industry. Caught in the quicksand that is dragging him down deeper and deeper, and powerless to

Cigar Makers, like all other wage earners living in these United States, a country that is self-governed under a democracy with a representative form of government, are free to work when

help himself, he thinks, and realizes that the union, and the brotherhood of man he betrayed, mean something more than just so many words.

It is an encouraging sign when men begin to think of thinking constructively and where they pick up their work to be had. Under the same token they are free to quit when and as often as they feel so inclined. That is, this would be true if they and their fellow workers were organized in a trade union.

begin to think, for increasing constructive thinking, lies the solution of our economic and industrial ills. We may then look to the perfecting of measures that will avoid, or at least minimize, these recurring periods of business stagnation.

We can look forward to the machine being made a blessing to mankind, as it was intended, instead of an instrument of destruction to human usefulness and happiness. We can look forward to the workers receiving a just share of their

contribution to industry. We can look forward to reasonably steady employment with ample leisure for rest and self-improvement. We can look for an equitable system of unemployment insurance, and for old age security—the

things that will make this old world of ours a better place to work in, a better place to live in.

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**Virginia Labor Convention**

Richmond, Va., — President C. J. Hughes of the Virginia State Federation of Labor has announced that the annual convention of the federation

will be held this year at Clifton Forge, Va. The date will be announced later. Officers of the convention are urging that every affiliated union send its full complement of delegates to the conven-

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